

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Serial No. .... 10/675,847  
Filing Date ..... 9/30/2003  
Confirmation No. .... 6863  
Inventorship ..... Frederick James Diggle III  
Applicant ..... BellSouth IP Corporation  
Group Art Unit ..... 3634  
Examiner ..... Hugh B. Thompson  
Attorney's Docket No. .... BE1-0029US  
Title: ..... Gaff Shield

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED FEBRUARY 10, 2006**

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

From: Shirley Lee Anderson (Tel. 509-324-9256; Fax 509-323-8979)  
Lee & Hayes, PLLC  
421 W. Riverside Avenue, Suite 500  
Spokane, WA 99201  
Customer No. 49584

Examiner Thompson:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment and remarks contained herein in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 10, 2006. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

In response to the Office action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

OK  
to enter  
1/17/06  
4-18-06